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Chief, Special Security Division

19 December 1951

Office of General Counsel

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Automobile Accident — [redacted]

Reference: Your Memorandum to this office dated 28 November 1951.

1. We are responding to your above memorandum before receiving the full report of the accident as it may be necessary for you to accept the settlement figure within a prescribed time.

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2. The matter has been discussed with [redacted] of your office and agreement has been reached that a report of the accident will be handled as are other covert claims, by the Property Survey Board. This will necessitate submission to that Board of a Property Survey Report, a completed Standard Form 91 (Report of Accident), a statement of the facts of the accident by the driver, and estimates of damage to the Agency vehicle.

3. From the brief facts of the accident we have there would appear to be no negligence on the part of our driver and we would normally not accept a compromise settlement. However, if for reasons of security your office feels that we could not press the case to litigation, if necessary, we have no legal objection to accepting the insurance company's "final offer."

4. You will understand that our sanction of the settlement will not relieve the accountable individual from liability for the difference between the settlement figure and the actual cost to the Government of repairing the vehicle. This may be done only by the Property Survey Board and is the reason that a full report must be submitted. [redacted] of I&SO is chairman of that Board.

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